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Re: Applicant(s): Bender, Theodore M.; et. al.
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
Title: Tool for Creating an Opening in Tissue
Serial No.: 10/659,057
Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Group Art Unit: 3731


Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:


- (1) This Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Form PTO-1449; and
- (3) Information Disclosure Statement.

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In compliance with the Applicant's duty under 37 CFR § 1.56, the information listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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US PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initial *	Cite No	USP Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Filing Date if Appropriate
		US-3825362	07/23/1974	Hougen, Everett D.	
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